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picked up by the persons who are benefitting from that service and this is one of the cases in LB 617 having to do with death certificates. I rise to support the amendment which Senator Hannibal has brought to us this morning. I feel that we should cover the cost of this. It is not something that the rest of the taxpayers should be helping to pay for. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Would Senator Hannibal yield to a question please?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Yes.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Gary, not having had a chance to apply this to the bill I'm not sure how it works. It is not your intention to include in this amendment a raise of the \$2 that the hospitals get, an uncertified certificate for the benefit of the cancer registry is it?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: It has nothing to do with that.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Thank you. That is all I needed to know.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hannibal, would you like to close on your amendment please?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Just very briefly, Mr. Speaker, just to summarize. The Appropriations Committee originally put the bill out to have a five dollar across the board fee for death certificates. Senator Kilgarin and Morehead offered an amendment to drop that fee to \$5 for the first copy back to \$3 for multiple copies. It means to us \$48,000 this year and again next year and plus a \$30,000 increase. I'm just moving that we put it back up to the \$5 across as the original appropriation bill came out so that the Department can operate on a break even basis.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Hannibal amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Senator Hannibal, there are eleven excused. Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Did you say that there are eleven excused?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Yes, the amendment is in the Journal. 1379 is the page number in the Journal that the amendment has been printed on. Well I would like not to ask for a